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SUBJECT: CUBAN ASSETS CONTROL AND QUEBEC LOCOMOTIVE SALE.

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1. MARCH 20 MONTREAL GAZETTE AND OTTAWA CITIZEN CARRY ARTICLE BY BOGDAN KIPLING OF FINANCIAL TIMES, DATELINED WASHINGTON, WHICH POINTS OUT THAT US NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, STATE AND TREASURY DEPARTMENTS ARE STILL STUDYING SITUATION CREATED BY MLW CUBAN CONTRACT. REGARDING POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MLW'S PARENT COMPANY, ADMINISTRATION EXPERTS ARE REPORTEDLY NOT SURE IF MLW IS A "SUBSIDIARY" UNDER TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT.

2. ARTICLE SPECULATES THAT PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ARE RE-EXAMINING US CUBAN POLICY AND THAT NO SIGNIFICANT ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE EXPECTED BEFORE APRIL 17-19 WASHINGTON MEETING OF PAN-AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AND OAS CONFERENCE APRIL 20. IT FURTHER STATES THAT US EMBARGO OF CUBA WOULD BE WORTHLESS IF CANADIAN AND ARGENTINE DEALS ARE CONSUMMATED, AS US COMPANIES WOULD DEMAND SIMILAR
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TRADING OPPORTUNITIES WITH CUBA. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CANADIAN

AND ARGENTINE CASES, THE ARTICLE NOTES, IS THAT SUBSIDIARIES OF US AUTO MANUFACTURERS IN ARGENTINA HAVE NOT YET SIGNED SALES CONTRACTS WITH CUBA. WASHINGTON SOURCES REPORTEDLY SAY THAT PRESIDENT MAY BE LOOKING FOR WAY TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES WHICH ARE "CANADIAN FIRMS" AND "SUBSIDIARIES" ELSEWHERE.

3. ARTICLE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/CAN - BROWN AND EB/IT/EWT WRIGHT.
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